

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-13 are the subject of the Office action.

In this paper, claims 1 and 12 are amended, claim 2 is canceled without prejudice, and claims 2-11 and 13 are unchanged. New claims 14-25 are submitted for consideration.

Applicants note, with thanks, that claims 2 and 7 would be allowed if written in independent form. Hence, claim 1 is amended to include the text of claim 2, resulting in the cancellation of claim 2. New independent claim 14 includes the text of original claim 1 and the text of original claim 7. New dependent claims 15-23 are the same as dependent claims 2-6 and 8-11, respectively, except that claims 15-23 depend from claim 14 rather than from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1, 3-11, and 15-23 is indicated and action to such end is requested.

Claim 12 is amended to include the feature recited in claim 2, and new claim 24 contains the text of claims 12 and 7. In view of the allowability of claims 2 and 7 in independent form, claims 12-13 and 24-25 would appear to be similarly allowable. Action to such end is requested.

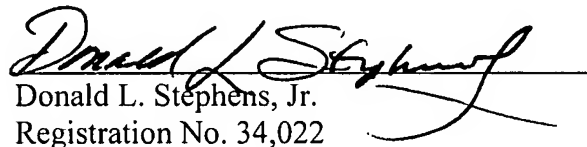
The examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if any issues remain after consideration and entry of this paper.

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